

GREAT FIRST DAY

SECRETARY DOWNING FEELS GRATIFIED AT THE OUTLOOK.

THE GRAND OPENING TO-DAY

Were Not Bothered.

OLD SOLDIERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ADMITTED FREE TO-DAY.

**This Is the First Day of the Race
and the Programme Is Very
Satisfactory.**

"The conditions for a successful State fair never looked brighter, the air felt good and it will surely be warmer. Just look at that sun! Isn't it great? The people who come to the opening of the jubilee fair to-morrow will be surprised at the magnitude of this year's exposition. Why it is regular world's fair only on a slight

thuslatic remarks of Charles Downing
secretary of the State Board of Agriculture
as he stood at the door of the administra-
tion building at the fair grounds yesterday
and looked at everything with satisfaction
from the weather conditions to the enor-
mous outlay of exhibits that could be seen
in every direction.

opening of the fair, but in reality the grand opening will be held to-day. Efforts were made on Monday to get all of the exhibits in place, but this could not be done, as numerous were the things to be displayed to the thousands of sightseers this week. Men were at work bright and early yesterday morning hoping to arrange everything

place when darkness fell. There was not much of a crowd on the grounds yesterday and the exhibitors were not molested in their work. There was little work to be done at the barns, but in the art hall and other buildings there was a lively scene, but everything was placed in order before evening.

The fair grounds was no place for the sightseer yesterday, as everyone was about in a hurry. Even the man in the booth, where all sorts of alleged good things to eat are for sale, gave his lunch a rest and only a few cries of "Hot! hot! hot!" and "This way for all you can drink for a nickel" could be heard. Instead

and side-show street the echoes of hammers were heard. The peanut vender was the only one who forced his "wares" on the public, and he cried his song with as much vim as ever. One or two restaurants and refreshment men began training early in the morning for the big rush expected during the week. They impressed upon the

Many curious people investigated the preparations for the sideshows, but only a few were open where one with a dim could obtain a look upon the mysteries of seven ages and the wonders of all the continents. From the sideshows the people who desired to have an early chance to see the

At the horse barns the day was a rather quiet one. There were some lively workouts during the morning, but in the afternoon the horses were walked around the grounds, while the trainers and drivers saw

The helpers about the cattle barns led the fine Shorthorns, Herefords and other fine breeds of cattle around the ground and allowed them to graze on the grass.

All old soldiers, school children under fifteen years of age and teachers of pupils will be admitted free to the grounds to-day.

be made of heavy horses, dairy cattle, Berkshire hogs and Poland China hogs, fine-wool sheep and poultry. There will be a band concert in the grand stand at 4 o'clock, and the first day's races will be given in the afternoon.

● **TO-DAY'S ENTRIES.**

The entries for to-day's events follow:

Hattie Smith, s. m., A. L. Darnaby, Lexington, Ky.
Webber, b. m., Bennett & Hughes, Clarksville, Ky.
Henry K., b. g., John Rabham, Louisville, Ky.
Donna H., s. m., Walter Kemp, Anderson, Ind.
Director Bell, blk. s., Whitely Stable, Muncie, Ind.
Orphan, b. g., J. N. Dickerson, Indianapolis, Ind.

Baron Talcott, b. g., Bruce Graham, Russellville, Ind.
Lee Crawford, b. g., _____
Liza, br. m., W. B. Kerby, Springfield, Ill.
Alfred Starr, David Cahill, Lexington, Ky.
Mildred S., r. m., J. W. Igo, Pana, Ill.
Raff, b. g., W. F. Haffenberger, Seymour, Ind.
Cleve, b. g., D. M. McNaw, Louisville, Ky.
John Thomas, g. h., M. H. Reardon, Indianapolis, Ind.

Olio.
LaFrance, bik. m., W. H. McCarthy
Terre Haute, Ind.
Anna Mace, g. m. W. H. McCarthy
Terre Haute, Ind.
Edgewood Bell, bik. m., W. H. McCarthy
Terre Haute, Ind.
High Trust, D. Edward F. Jones, Indianapolis, Ind.
Jessie M., b. m., J. H. Eastman, Terre Haute, Ind.

Carnot, blk. s.
Mira, b. m., A. B. Smith, Danville, Ind.
Byrl Wilkes, br. g., A. Stockton, Morgan
town, Ind.
Gamboy, b. s., Float Jolly, Tipton, Ind.
New Richmond, g. s., William Gers
Nashville, Tenn.
Chestnut, s. g., L. H. Brown, Danville
Ind.
Balmy L., br. m., Whiteley Stable, Mun

Wervoio, b. s., Lincoln Stock Farm, Palatine, Ill.
George Castle, b. g., Keystone Stock Farm, Benson, Neb.